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There are only four hundred applications for the position of Consul-General at Paris.

The Michigan Democrats are excited over the appointment of a former Republican and Greenbacker as Marshal for the western district of that State.

The New York Times denounces Gov. Hill as being "mortgaged to villains." Rather a hard candidate for the "Times reform" President to support.

Ex-Senator Thurman has a very poor opinion of the Magwumps. He thinks it is not safe to trust them and yet they claim to be running this Democratic Administration.

"Thank God that white-winged peace broods over the land," exclaims Fitz Hugh Lee, descending from his uncle's war saddle and handing the stars and bars to one of his staff officers.

A short time since the free trade papers announced that a leading Republican manufacturer in Ohio, W. N. Whitney, had declared for Democracy and free trade. Over his own name he denies the report.

The present Administration of the Post Office Department affords a painful illustration of the manner in which a very little man rattles around in a big office. When Congress meets, Mr. Vilas' policy will be thoroughly ventilated.

Members of the Republican Committee in Cincinnati have sworn to a statement to the effect that Mr. John R. McLean, of the Engagements, has offered them \$200 to \$1,000 each to use their influence in the Democratic legislative ticket.

At the annual festival of the Hingham Agricultural Society, Sept. 30, Hon. George B. Loring of Salem, is a proper sequel to the recent two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the honored old town spoke of the Puritans dwelling upon their system of land-holding as the basis of all our agriculture. His address was like all his efforts, a finished and interesting treatment of his subject.

The Washington despatch which represents Mr. Holman as calling upon Secretary Bayard to see if a friend of his recently appointed to a consulship could not have his embassies increased out of the contingent fund, and being informed by the Secretary that it was owing to his own persistent efforts in the House that the salary was reduced to the figure complained of, may be only a fiction, says the Boston Journal, but it is a pleasing one.

The Boston Post says that Collectors Pritchard and Pratt have been in Washington since last Friday in the interest of Mr. Peter Butler, who is anxious to occupy Collector Worthington's office. The President should inform them that public officials should remain at home and attend to the duties of their office instead of devoting their time to the distribution of patronage. It is hard for Pritchard to even play the part of a "reformer."

The Bourbon soon may as well follow the example of the range as long, and the country as long as the Boston and Concord Streets. The Democratic Bourbon is destined to go to the rear.—*Boston Herald*.

The above does not agree with the President's statement that he desires the success of the Bourbon party whenever elections occur this fall, and that he shall go to New York for the express purpose of voting with his party.

General Butler may have been made deaf by the roar of cannon during the war of the rebellion, says the Boston Tribune, but those Democratic delegates to the Worcester convention who are boasting that they have effectively downed the old man should remember that his hearing is not so much impaired that he has not heard the uncomplimentary things said of him. One of his ears, at least, is yet wonderfully acute, and those rascious gentlemen may hear from him later.

The Democratic papers are trying to excuse the President's shameful misuse of the pardoning power in the Mullin case by an attempt to make it appear that Mullin was not really guilty of the serious offence charged against him. They overlook the fact that Mullin confessed his guilt while on trial. If he had any defense, why was it not forthcoming when he was arraigned for the deliberate imprisonment of one hundred and fifty colored men to prevent them from voting?

Ex-Minister Kasson is writing a historical history of the war of the rebellion, which will establish the exact relation which the European Powers occupied toward the Confederacy. Mr. Kasson has had a work of this sort in contemplation for many years, and has been quietly gathering a great deal of valuable material. During his Congressional vacation he has spent much time in Europe studying the archives of the Foreign Offices of France, England and Germany.

We copy elsewhere from the Bath Times the statement of Mayor Wakefield of the reasons urged, before the Governor and Council against the appointment of Mr. Bailey as special constable. Mr. Wakefield's charges are so specific a detail that it is difficult to understand how anyone could expect the Governor and Council to appoint a man so responsible to a position as State Constable against whom such objections are brought by the Mayor of the city and other prominent citizens. If Mr. Bailey claims that the charges are unjust or untrue his complaint should be against the Mayor, who deserves his ability to sustain them, and not against the Governor, who would not be justified in ignoring such serious protests against an appointment.

Too Thin.

New York Tribune.

It is hard to conceive of a more melancholy exhibition than is made by Attorney General Garrison, Solicitor General Good and the President himself, in the surrender contained in their published letters about the telephone case. The course finally taken is made even more ridiculous by the long arguments which precede it. Elaborate statements are submitted to prove that exactly the right thing was done, in exactly the right way, and that nothing less and nothing else could have been done without disregard of the solemn responsibilities of office, and the officials then present, as far as that reason, to unto

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and other highly cultivated places that have them.

The wild orange-red lily is found in dry fields. It produces only a few upright flowers, which are orange, with blackish spots. The wild yellow lily grows in moist places that receive a great deal of sunlight, and produce many flowers, which are red, and of various shades of yellow and orange with brown spots. But the lilies of our native species, which are orange, with blackish spots, are the Turk's Cap, or Superb. This is the most popular lily, as it will grow in cultivation often attaining a height of four or five feet, and produce a glorious pyramid of thirty or forty flowers, which have reflexed petals or star-like effects.

They will do best in light, rich soil, and all beautiful. The new and beautiful Golden-banded lily, though strong, the exquisitely beautiful, is one that will soon become as popular as others.

Up when the foliage begins to wither, they will do best in light, rich soil.

Every one enjoys the spring flowers that come from the holly bush, yet we seldom see these in gardens for the reason that they are forgotten in autumn. The bushes, after the middle of October, take root, and grow the following year, though strong, and bear well-ripened fruit, and I disposed to be heavily armed, a lily of the valley of band.

It has been imported into this country during the last few years, and of potted plants, valued at \$150 per head.

Bulbs may be potted now, and kept in the cellar until December, and then taken, a few at a time, as desired, into a warm room to flower. At the remarkably reasonable prices at which they were sold at auction in this city last week, it may prove well worth the trouble to buy a choice variety, many splendid displays.

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